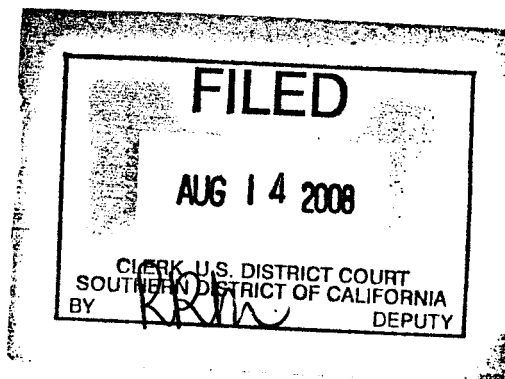


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 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Magistrate Case No. 08MJ2380  
 )  
 12 Plaintiff, )

13 v. )

14 OSCAR CASTILLO-RAMIREZ (2), )  
 )  
 15 Defendant. )

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT  
 MOTION FOR RELEASE OF  
 MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND  
 ORDER THEREON**

**(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)**

17 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES  
 18 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and  
 19 Sabrina L. Feve, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant OSCAR CASTILLO-RAMIREZ,  
 20 by and through and with the advice and consent of Shaffy Moeel, counsel for defendant, that:

21 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing  
 22 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,  
 23 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead  
 24 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count  
 25 of Transportation of Aliens and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C. §1324(a)(1)(A)(ii)  
 26 and (v)(II).

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1           2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to  
2 provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days  
3 before the disposition date set by the Court.

4           3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or  
5 before **September 2, 2008**.

6           4. The material witnesses, Eder Rodriguez-Rodriguez, Carmen Herrera-Soria and  
7 Selena Veraza-Garcia, in this case:

8               a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

9               b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about  
10 July 30, 2008, with codefendant Jose Palomar-Nigren as their footguide;

11              c. Were found in a vehicle driven by defendant and codefendant Oscar Castillo-  
12 Ramirez as a front seat passenger on Interstate 8 near Lake Jennings Parkway in or near Lakeside,  
13 California and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that they were aliens  
14 with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

15              d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf \$1,8000 to others to be  
16 brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein; and,

17              e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland  
18 Security for return to their country of origin.

19           5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this  
20 stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any  
21 reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any  
22 proceeding, including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral  
23 attack, that:

24               a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as  
25 substantive evidence;

26               b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents  
27 regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such

1 testimony shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements  
2 against interest of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

3 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),  
4 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted  
5 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant  
6 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

7 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has  
8 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies  
9 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense  
10 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.

11 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the  
12 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of  
13 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

14 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.


15 Respectfully submitted,

16 KAREN P. HEWITT  
17 United States Attorney

18 Dated: 8/14/08.

  
19 SABRINA L. FEVE  
Assistant United States Attorney

20 Dated: 8/13/08.

  
21 SHAFFY MOEE  
22 Defense Counsel for  
OSCAR CASTILLO-RAMIREZ

23 Dated: 8/13/08.

  
24 OSCAR CASTILLO-RAMIREZ  
25 Defendant

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**ORDER**

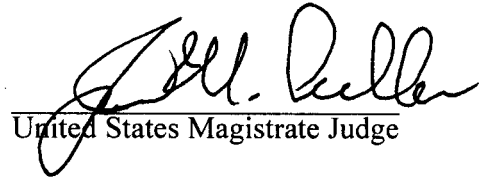
Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

**THE STIPULATION** is admitted into evidence, and,

**IT IS ORDERED** that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: 8/14/08

  
United States Magistrate Judge